

with respect to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-395. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Turkmenistan and the Republic of Tajikistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-396. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waivers of Rights and Claims; Tender Back of Consideration" (RIN3046-AA68) received on January 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-397. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (Extended Employment/Outcome)" (RIN1820-AB52) received on January 23, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-398. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-399. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 2001; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Small Business; Veterans' Affairs; Intelligence; Indian Affairs; and Rules and Administration.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Gale Ann Norton, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 161. A bill to establish the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit

against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 163. A bill to amend certain Federal civil rights statutes to prevent the involuntary application of arbitration to claims that arise from unlawful employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex national origin, age, or disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 164. A bill to prepare tomorrow's teachers to use technology through pre-service and in-service training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 165. A bill to amend the Agriculture Market Transition Act to increase loan rates for marketing assistance loans for each of the 2001 and 2002 crops, to make nonrecourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments available to producers of dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and rye, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 166. A bill to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of Federal surplus body armor to State and local law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. AL-LARD, Mr. BROWNBAC, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 167. A bill to allow a State to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of all its students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 168. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 169. A bill to provide Federal reimbursement for indirect costs relating to the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens and for emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 170. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 171. A bill to repeal certain travel provisions with respect to Cuba and certain trade sanctions with respect to Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, and Sudan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 172. A bill to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a windfall profits adjustment on the production of domestic electricity and to use the resulting revenues to fund rebates for individual and business electricity consumers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BOND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 174. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 175. A bill to establish a national uniform poll closing time and uniform treatment of absentee ballots in Presidential general elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 176. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 161. A bill to establish the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to make the Violence Against Women Office a permanent office in the Department of Justice. After the passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, the U.S. Department of Justice administratively created the Violence Against Women Office. Over time, the office's duties and responsibilities have included administering Violence Against Women Act grant programs, providing technical assistance and training to improve justice system responses in communities across the country, and providing leadership in developing the Administration's policies on violence against women. Led by a Presidentially-appointed Director, the Violence Against Women Office has had an enormous impact on social attitudes in this country about the nature